



FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2006

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Florence Government Center with Vice Mayor Julie Metzger presiding in the Chair.

CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, & ROLL CALL:

Vice Mayor Metzger called the regular and special meeting to order and declared the Regular Session to be open for the presentation of all City business. She said the regular meeting and special meeting would be convened concurrently.

The roll was called and the following members of Council registered present: Mel Carroll, Dale Stephens, David A. Osborne, Vice Mayor Dr. Julie Metzger, Betsy Conrad, and Ted Bushelman.

Also present were City Attorney Hugh O. Skees, City Coordinator Patricia J. Wingo, Community Development Director/Assistant City Coordinator Rick Lunnemann, Finance Director Linda Chapman, Fire/EMS Chief Marc Muench, Human Resources Director Regina Blain, Police Chief Tom Szurlinski, Public Services Director Bob Townsend, City Engineer Bill Viox, Administrative Assistant Donna Smith, Project Manager Peter Glenn, Project Coordinator Mike Knotts, Jim Mirich of the Florence Elks, Zach Courtney of 1441 Cayton Road, Florence Freedom Owner Clint Brown, Florence Freedom Mascot 'Liberty', Jim Claypool and Mike Hammonds of Kentucky Encyclopedia, Angela Campbell of 4928 Pritchard, Gene Cunningham of 146 West Dilcrest, Videographer Jerry Schrepfer, Kentucky Enquirer Reporter Brenna Kelly, Florence Recorder Newspaper Reporter Lindsay Kottmann, and City Clerk Joe Christofield.

MINUTES:

Vice Mayor Metzger called for a motion to approve the minutes of May 9, 2006 Regular Meeting of Council. Councilmember Bushelman so moved, with second from Councilmember Conrad. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

RECOGNITIONS:

Vice Mayor Metzger recognized Jim Mirick of the Florence Elks and essay winner Zach Courtney. Mr. Courtney read aloud his award-winning essay. Additional discussion followed.

Vice Mayor Metzger advised the City had received the Financial Reporting Certificate of Achievement for the third consecutive year. Additional discussion followed.

UPDATE:

Florence Freedom Owner Clint Brown gave an update regarding the baseball team. Additional discussion followed.

PRESENTATION:

Jim Claypool and Mike Hammonds and gave a presentation regarding the Kentucky Encyclopedia. Additional discussion followed.

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Councilmember Carroll moved, with second from Councilmember Bushelman, that the City donate \$6,000 toward the Kentucky Encyclopedia project. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

MUNICIPAL AID ROAD FUND (M.A.R.F.) PUBLIC HEARING:

Vice Mayor Metzger conducted the Municipal Aid Road Fund (M.A.R.F.) Proposed Use Hearing. She said the purpose of the hearing was to obtain written and oral comments from citizens regarding the possible use of the Municipal Aid Road Fund.

Vice Mayor Metzger read aloud the Municipal Aid Road Fund Budget for fiscal year 2006-2007.

Fund balance as of June 2005	\$456,864.00
05-06 Projected M.A.R.F. Revenue	+\$355,500.00
Total Projected 05-06 M.A.R.F.	\$812,364.00
Total Projected 05-06 Projected Expenditure	-\$718,000.00)
Estimated Fund Balance June 2006	\$94,364.00
2006-2007 M.A.R.F. Projected Revenue	<u>\$372,000.00</u>
TOTAL M.A.R.F. AVAILABLE 2006-2007	\$466,364.00
Emergency Fund Balance	-\$76,364.00)
Total M.A.R.F. available in 2006-2007	\$390,000.00

Public Services Director Bob Townsend asked City Clerk Joe Christofield if he had received any written comments from citizens regarding the Municipal Aid Road Fund usage; Mr. Christofield replied no.

Mr. Townsend asked if anyone in the audience desired to be recognized regarding the Municipal Aid Road Fund usage; no one responded.

Mr. Townsend advised of the proposed use of the Municipal Aid Road Fund. He reviewed the street repairs scheduled for fiscal year 2005-2006 including revenues and expenditures. He said the City was anticipating \$390,000 in revenue this year from the Municipal Aid Road Fund. He said the revenue source for the Municipal Aid Road Fund is gasoline tax (through the state, based on population). He said \$155,000 would be used to purchase street repair and maintenance materials for in-house City crew work while the remaining \$235,000 would be budgeted for contracted street repairs. He said the contracted street repairs for 2006-2007 include: Claxon Avenue, Farmview Drive, Kentaboo Avenue, Merravay Drive, Rebel Drive, and the intersection of Main Street. He said the in-house City street repairs include: Cracksealing of Section 4 (eastern portion of the City); Undersealing of Grand Avenue, Rose Avenue, JoAnn Drive, Thomas Street, Patricia Street, and Wallace Avenue. He said concrete replacement was scheduled for Action Boulevard, Belair Drive, Belair Circle, Banklick Street, Drexel Avenue, and Nicholas Street. He said there will also be miscellaneous maintenance including pothole patching, etc. as needed.

Vice Mayor Metzger asked if anyone on Council desired to be recognized regarding the Municipal Aid Road Fund usage; Councilmember Dale Stephens asked regarding brick pavers and the other two intersections on Main Street at Banklick Street and Shelby Street; Mr. Townsend said Banklick Street was scheduled for this year.

Vice Mayor Metzger declared the Municipal Aid Road Fund public hearing closed.

SECOND READINGS:

Vice Mayor Metzger presented the following Ordinance for second reading:

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ORDINANCE O-10-06: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT ON A 0.24 ACRE SITE (LOTS 8 AND 9 OF ERLANGER HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, BLOCK NO. 16) GENERALLY LOCATED WEST OF THE PROPERTY AT 6712 HIGHRIDGE AVENUE AND NORTH OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS CHURCH AT 6800 HAZEL COURT, FLORENCE, KENTUCKY, TO REZONE THE SITE FROM PUBLIC FACILITIES (PF) TO SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL TWO (SR-2) IN ORDER TO ALLOW DETACHED, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES. (CROWN HOMES, INC.)

Vice Mayor Metzger read the following summary of the Ordinance: *The effect of this Ordinance is to rezone from Public Facilities (PF) to Suburban Residential Two (SR-2) a tract of approximately 0.24 acres consisting of Lots 8 and 9 of Erlanger Heights Subdivision, Block No. 16, generally located west of the property at 6712 Highridge Avenue and north of the Fellowship of Believers Church at 6800 Hazel Court, Florence, Kentucky, to allow detached single family residences.*

Councilmember Bushelman moved, with second from Councilmember Osborne, that Ordinance No. O-10-06 be approved on second reading and be published in accordance with the law. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

Vice Mayor Metzger presented the following Ordinance for second reading:

ORDINANCE O-11-06: AN ORDINANCE CLOSING THE UNIMPROVED PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SPICEWOOD STREET BETWEEN LOT 1, BLOCK NO. 8 AND LOT 12, BLOCK NO. 7 OF ERLANGER HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION.

Vice Mayor Metzger read the following summary of the Ordinance: *The purpose of this Ordinance is to close the unimproved right-of-way of Spicewood Street consisting of a 30 foot wide strip between Lot 1, Block No. 8 and Lot 12, Block No. 7 of Erlanger Heights Subdivision. This closure has been requested by the owners of the adjoining property. The Ordinance further contains findings that all abutting property owners have been identified, have been provided with written notice of the proposed closing, and have given written consent to the closing.*

Councilmember Stephens moved, with second from Councilmember Carroll, that Ordinance No. O-11-06 be approved on second reading and be published in accordance with the law. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

FIRST READING:

Vice Mayor Metzger presented the following Ordinance for first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. O-12-06: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FOR A 0.68 ACRE PORTION OF THE APPROXIMATE 4.3 ACRE SITE LOCATED AT 7232 BURLINGTON PIKE, FLORENCE, KENTUCKY, TO REZONE THE SITE FROM RESIDENTIAL ONE FAMILY (R1F) TO COMMERCIAL TWO (C-2) IN ORDER TO ALLOW AN EXPANSION TO AN EXISTING AUTO PARTS STORE. (KENTUCKY MOTOR SERVICE, INC. PROPERTY)

Vice Mayor Metzger read the following summary of the Ordinance: *This Ordinance rezones the approximate 0.68 acre portion of the approximate 4.3 acre site that is described in the Ordinance from Residential One Family (R1F) to Commercial Two (C-2), in order to allow an expansion of an existing auto parts store.*

Councilmember Osborne moved, with second from Councilmember Stephens, that Ordinance No. O-12-06 be approved on first reading and be held for second and final reading at the next meeting of Council. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

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MUNICIPAL ORDER:

Vice Mayor Metzger presented the following Municipal Order for consideration:

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. MO-6-06: A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF FLOYD SHARP TO THE CITY OF FLORENCE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM.

Councilmember Conrad moved, with second from Councilmember Osborne, that Municipal Order MO-6-06 be approved as reviewed. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Vice Mayor Metzger extended the condolences on behalf of the entire City of Florence to Mayor Diane E. Whalen regarding the passing of her father, former Florence Mayor C.M. "Hop" Ewing.

Vice Mayor Metzger advised of the City's 8th annual Memorial Day Parade & Program scheduled for Monday, May 29 beginning at 10 a.m. (parade) followed by the program (11 a.m.) at the Florence Government Center.

Vice Mayor Metzger advised of the 6th annual Burlington Spring Horse Show scheduled for Friday, May 26 (7 p.m.) and Saturday, May 27 (9 a.m.) at the Boone County Fairgrounds.

Vice Mayor Metzger advised of the annual Charity Golf Outing to benefit B.A.W.A.C. is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6.

CITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

There was no report given by City Coordinator Pat Wingo.

OTHER:

Vice Mayor Metzger asked if any Councilmember desired recognition; Councilmember Carroll suggested Florence fly its City flags at half-mast in honor of C.M. "Hop" Ewing's passing.

Councilmember Carroll moved, with second from Councilmember Bushelman, that Florence fly its City flags at half-mast in honor of C.M. "Hop" Ewing's passing. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

Councilmember Osborne suggested there be a moment of silent prayer to conclude the meeting in honor of C.M. "Hop" Ewing's passing.

Vice Mayor Metzger asked if any department head desired recognition; Mr. Townsend advised the Public Services Department Infrastructure Forecasted Budget and Repair Schedule for Fiscal Years 2007-2009 was included in the Council packets.

City Coordinator Pat Wingo advised the Florence Family Aquatic Center is scheduled to open on Saturday, May 27 at 11 a.m. on the campus of the Florence Government Center.

Vice Mayor Metzger asked if anyone in the audience desired recognition; no one responded.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no need for City Council to go into Executive Session.

A moment of silence was conducted in honor of the passing of former City of Florence Mayor C.M. "Hop" Ewing.

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Vice Mayor Metzger called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Osborne so moved, with second from Councilmember Conrad, and **unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 7:53 p.m.

APPROVED:

Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joseph A. Christofield, City Clerk